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## **INDEPENDENT PARTY ADDS ALLSOPP, NIXON, DORE TO THEIR NOMINEES FOR LEGISLATURE**

"Too few people vote in primaries," remarked Frank Sims, as he announced the Independent Party's endorsement of three candidates for seats in the State Legislature.

We selected excellent candidates in primaries of the major parties as well as the general election and offered them a chance to be on the ballot as nominees of our party as well. We believe this will insure the voters--especially the true independents--have the best candidates to vote for at the General Election. Party primaries in small races bring out very few voters, so the party leaders can control the results. The leaders do not always represent the wishes of most of the members of their own party. If they did, we would not have legislators permitting the Transportation Trust Fund to be exhausted by using it for operating costs instead of road building. We would not have legislators voting to deregulate energy rates, so that power companies can charge anything they wish. We would not be hiding criminal negligence in prison medical services from federal investigators."

"The Independent Party does not demand anything of endorsed candidates except an open mind," Sims said. "We have a platform, but no candidate of any party accepts all the sections of a political party platform. Our aim is to see that people who put the public interest first have a chance to challenge the entrenched powerful interests in Dover. We

believe these candidates will be true to their constituents and fight for what is best for Delaware."

"Barbara Allsopp is a teacher at Middletown High and a resident of Smyrna. She is taking on an aged Senator in the 14th District who has spent his entire life as a part of Delaware government," Sims stated. "We think this district needs a younger and more energetic, independent Senator who will work hard to solve the problems of the district--especially those related to the cost of fuel. Barbara is in a position to devote the time needed to stay on top of the issues in State government and bring fresh thinking to it. Further, she recognizes that public money must be spent for a public purpose."

"Tyler Nixon is well educated, energetic, politically experienced, and eager to serve. In fact, he is not too different from the incumbent of the first Senate seat as a young man," Sims noted. "They both have famous political names. But the many, many years in power often result in an incumbent losing touch with voters. Nixon's opponent voted for energy deregulation, and Nixon sees that mistake as being sign he was separating from his constituents even as long as a decade ago. Tyler will work to establish contact with everyone from residents of the high rises to wealthier families in the suburbs that are now included in this district. City residents' problems and suburban residents' problems are very different," Sims thinks, "but Tyler recognizes than an inefficient government that hands out money to influential people without a good reason will never solve the problems of either area."

"Mike Dore has fresh ideas and a tremendous drive to do good," Sims revealed. "I know him well, and I know he will be very attentive to the serious problems in the Sixth Representative District. I think the voters must be very disappointed that the incumbent did nothing about the environmental problems of the riverfront. That is the price of being selected by the party leaders and following their instructions. That district needs a determined environmentalist, a person with creative solutions to maintaining the viability of older communities, a voice that will be raised to protect those less fortunate, and a

determination not to allow more and more City crime to drift into the suburbs. Mike is that kind of activist," Sims explained.

"I have enjoyed talking with all of these candidates, and I know the public will like them when they get to know them. I hope by drawing a little more attention to them with these endorsements, they will get the attention of the voters," he said. "Delaware needs to change the balance of power in the houses of the General Assembly. The election of these candidates will help do that."

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